October 1995

PARK BELL

ST. MARYS PARK IMPROVEMENT CLUB

MEET MAYOR FRANK JORDAN
OCT. 10, 1995 AT ST. MARY'S PARK REC CENTER

The next SMPIC meeting will be ***Tuesday, October 10th at 7:30pm*** in the St. Marys' Park Recreation Center, Murray and Justin.

Due to popular request, Mayor Frank Jordan has been invited to speak at our upcoming meeting. Schedule permitting, he will join us to give a brief dissertation followed by questions and answers. During this hectic election season, we are fortunate to have the opportunity to meet and exchange our views with the mayor. Everyone is invited to attend.

ONE WAY STREETS FOR SMP PROPOSED

The debate over additional stop signs and one way streets for St. Marys' Park has gone to the next phase. A proposal from Kimberly Overton of the Department of Parking and Traffic suggests one way streets as the best solution to the traffic problems of St. Marys' Park. Attached is the latest proposal from the DPT. This plan suggests making the upper section of College Avenue a one way (south) and the last block of Justin Drive a one way (south).

Studies have shown that the majority of traffic through SMP originates from Alemany and I-280 using St. Marys Park as a short cut to Mission St. and San Jose Ave. The idea is to change the flow of traffic away from SMP in order to reduce congestion and hopefully reduce speed. Studies by the DPT indicate that changes in traffic flow are often more successful solutions to speeding and congestion than additional stop signs.

A brief discussion at the last SMPIC meeting indicated most residents favored the idea. Since these changes would have a *major* impact on how the residents of SMP come in and out of our neighborhood, everyone is asked to consider this proposal carefully. ***The traffic issue will be discussed at our October 10th meeting.***

JACK-O-LANTERN CONTEST OCTOBER 30TH

Tis the season for witches, ghosts and goblins! This year SMPIC will be hosting a jack-o-lantern contest the night of October 30th from 8-10pm. Put your creative talents to work and win the grand prize-a $20.00 gift certificate to Blockbuster Video! It's easy to enter. All you have to do is carve a pumpkin of any size, place the pumpkin on the front steps and light it up from 8-10pm Monday night. A team of neighborhood judges will be roaming the neighborhood in search of the champion jack-o-lantern! Other prizes will be given. Enter as many pumpkins as you like. Limited to one prize per household. Open to all ages. Original designs a real plus! ***Have fun, enjoy and most of all be especially cautious drivers this Halloween season.***

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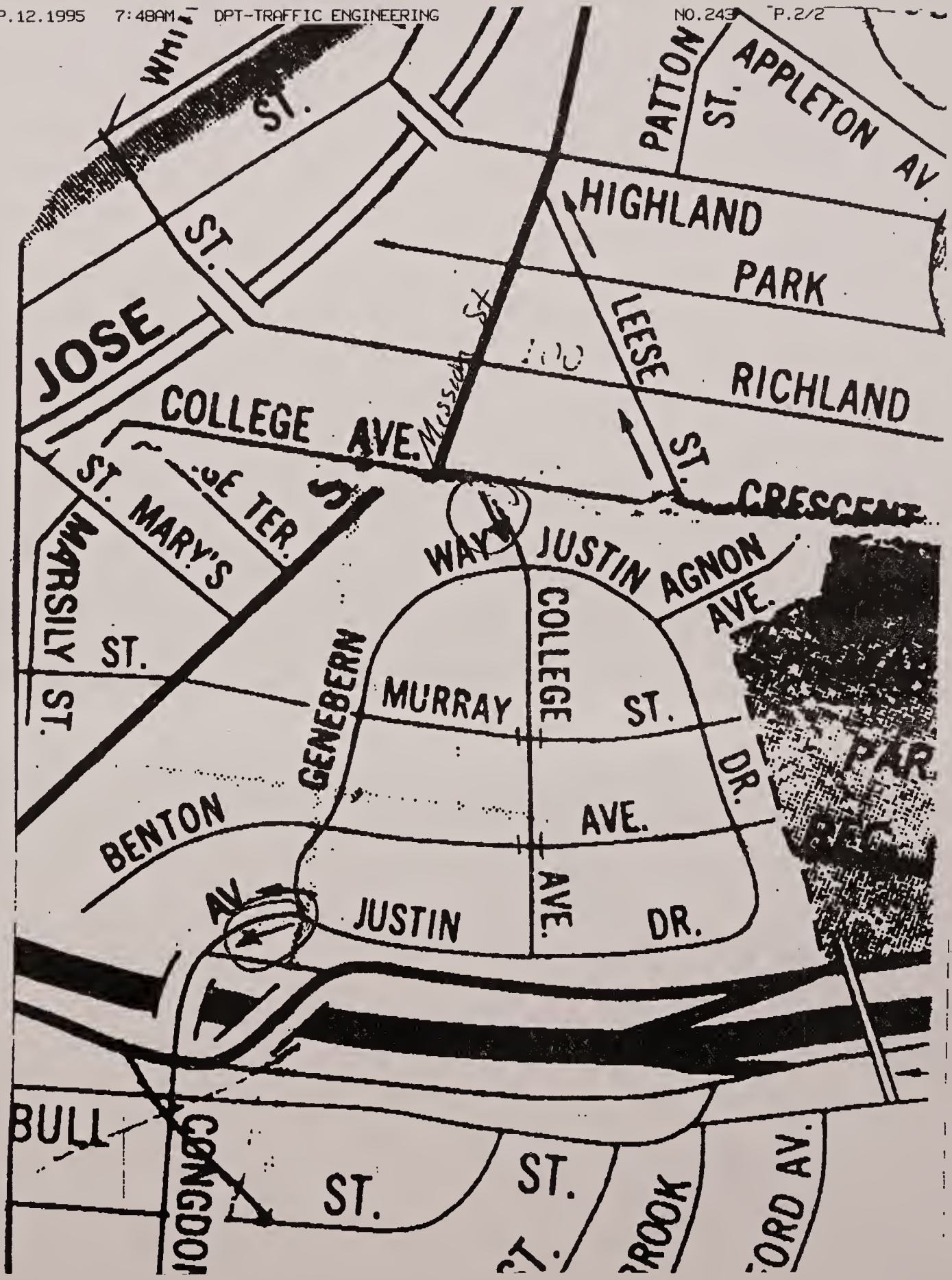
CRIME WATCH - SEPTEMBER 1995

The Ingleside police department reports a mugging and a grand theft from a locked car on the upper block of College for the month of September. Auto break-ins have been on the increase within the last few months. Do not hesitate to report suspicious behavior to the police. Call 553-0123.

For those individuals who would like to organize a SAFE WATCH program for their block, call Robert Bernardo at 553-1984. Robert is the SAFE WATCH coordinator for our neighborhood. He will be glad to meet with you and answer any questions you may have about setting up a SAFE program for your block.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